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It is time for the federal government to move forward. The American government's resources, which I believe, as a matter of personal political philosophy are the American people's resources, can be put to better uses than continuing this litigation. I hope you will agree. Thank you.

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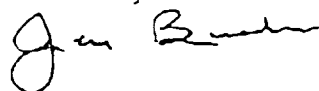
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